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SUBJ: LOS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION CONCLUDES
WITHOUT AGREEMENT ON RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION LOS CONFERENCE CONCLUDED
DEC 15 PM WITHOUT, HOWEVER, REACHING AGREEMENT ON ADOPTION OF CONFERENCE RULES OF PROCEDURE. CONSULTATIONS WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL LAST MINUTE UNDER LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT FAILED TO RESOLVE DEADLOCK OVER CONF VOTING PROCEDURES AND MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY UNGA.

2. GIVEN IMPASSE, AMERASINGHE MADE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE WORK:

A. HE WOULD HOLD INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH SPONSORS OF AMENDMENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED REPS TO
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FURTHER SEEK CONSENSUS ON RULES OF PROCEDURE

FROM FEBRUARY 25 TO MARCH 1, 1974; FURTHER CONSULTATIONS OF THIS NATURE WOULD BE HELD IF NECESSARY.

B. ANY ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF PROCEDURE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 31, 1974;

C. IF ABOVE CONSULTATIONS RESULT IN AGREEMENT ON RULES SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD BE PUT TO SECOND SESSION OF CONF IN CARACAS FOR ENDORSEMENT;

D. WHETHER OR NOT, HOWEVER, SUCH CONSENSUS ACHIEVED RULES OF PROCEDURE MUST BE ADOPTED BY DEADLINE OF JUNE 27, IF NECESSARY BY PUTTING THEM TO VOTE.

3. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION CONF ACCEPTED AMERASINGHE PROPOSAL.

4. ARGENTINE REP FORMALLY PROPOSED THAT UNGA RULES OF PROCEDURE APPLY TO ADOPTION OF CONF RULES IF VOTE BECOMES NECESSARY ON JUNE 27 IN CARACAS. ARGENTINE PROPOSAL DREW WIDESPREAD SUPPORT. BOTH FRENCH AND US REPS INTERVENED TO WARN AGAINST IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS OF CONF OF APPROVING RULES BY SIMPLE MAJORITY ALONE. AUSTRALIAN REP NOTED IMPORTANCE OF RULES TO ACHIEVE CONVENTION WHICH COULD BE RATIFIED BY ALL GROUPS OF STATES AND SUGGESTED THAT ANY VOTING ON LOS CONF RULES MIGHT BE CONSIDERED IMPORTANT QUESTION, I.E., REQUIRING TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.

5. AMERASINGHE, NOTING THAT ONLY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS OPPOSED ARGENTINE PROPOSAL AND HIS INTENTION TO PUT IT TO VOTE IF NECESSARY, OBTAINED CONF APPROVAL OF ARGENTINE PROPOSAL. BENNETT

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